

to be a delightful home for the boys who have entered. The spirit which prevails is one of cheerfulness and helpfulness. The boys vie with each other in doing well all the various duties that are necessary in such a home. The house is not furnished yet, only the absolutely necessary articles of furniture were bought for two reasons: First, there was not any money to buy with; second, it is the principal's wish to have the pupils make as much of the furniture as possible. There is on the place a splendid mechanic who can and will instruct and direct this work. There is a great need at present for bedding. One church has given sheets and pillow cases, but blankets and comforts are needed for the coming winter. And as the school has started without any funds at all, there is a greater need this first year for outside help from the Church than there will ever be again. The work has been wonderfully blessed of God, and the principal believes that he will continue to raise up friends at the hour of need as he has done so far. This article goes out with the prayer that the Master of the vineyard will incline the hearts of many to come to the support of this new school which is doing a unique and much needed work for our Church—(just think, a Presbyterian Preparatory School)—that the Church itself may be able to secure what, apart from the presence of God, it needs most of all—noble young men and women who will give themselves to Christ and his service.

Any donations may be sent to Rev. T. E. P. Woods, Mast, Watauga county, N. C. The freight and express office is at Shouns, Tenn., on the V. & S. W. Ry.
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KIRK WARD'S GHOST, OR A MODERN MIRACLE.

The above is the title of a little book recently written by Rev. R. H. Crozier, D.D., of Palestine, Texas. Dr. Crozier is the author of a number of books that have been found to be very interesting reading by many, perhaps all, his readers. This writer does not believe in encouraging novel reading, but does not consider Dr. Crozier a novelist in the proper sense of that term, though his books are very captivating, and the reader's attention is very likely to be held from the beginning to the close of his books, and this last book is of that fascinating style. It is "fiction founded on fact," in its dress, but is in fact an illustrated sermon, full of excellent gospel truth, from beginning to the end.

It is pleasant to see Dr. Crozier in his old age, like Dr. Cuyler, when laid aside from preaching in the pulpit, still preaching with his pen. The writer has had opportunity to know of drummers and young people who read with avidity Dr. Crozier's books. "Kirk Ward's Ghost" is likely to be very popular with all who have an opportunity to read it. This writer makes only a small exception as to two points in the book. First: Where the author makes one of his characters to

speak of the Christian Church as organized on the day of Pentecost. Properly speaking, I would say the Christian Church was organized long ages before the day of Pentecost, and existed in the form of the Jewish nation. It was a Christian Church then because that Church believed in and centered around the Messiah, or the Christ.

The second exception is that the author seems to teach through one or more of his characters that a murderer must necessarily make public confession of his crime, in order to be received and saved by Christ. This writer dissents, and does not understand that the Scriptures require public confession, though, of course, there must be confession to God of all sins.

This little book, costing only fifty cents, is cordially commended to the favor of the reading public. I do not know how it can be obtained, except by ordering it from the author at Palestine, Texas.

S. F. Tenney.

Crockett, Texas.

COVE CHURCH CENTENNIAL.

West Hanover Presbytery met at Covesville Tuesday night, September 21, and the opening sermon was preached by Dr. W. W. Moore, President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., from James 1:18.

This to the Covesville people was an unusually interesting meeting of Presbytery, because it had been twelve years since that body had met at this place and because this year is the centennial anniversary of the existence of the Cove Church. Preparations had been going on some time previous. The ladies of the church had repainted and re-carpeted the church and the men had leveled and terraced the church grounds and beautified them by sowing grass.

By Presbytery and the congregation, Wednesday morning was set apart for appropriate centennial exercises. It was a clear and beautiful day and a large crowd of people from the community and many from a distance were present to help celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Cove Church. A strong and interesting program had been arranged which was one of the main features during Presbytery.

Dr. Moore presided over these exercises in his usual easy and graceful manner, reading appropriate scriptures. The first thing on the program was a carefully prepared and well written historical sketch of the Cove Church by Mr. Harry S. Martin, of Covesville, Va. His introductory sentence was in substance: This is not the centennial anniversary of the organization (the organization goes back 140 years) of the Cove Church, but of the erection of the present brick structure in 1809. In his sketch Mr. Martin gave the names of all the pastors, a brief account of their work, the names of all the Elders and the clerks of the session, and wove into the historical thread an account of the Cove Librarian Society, organized in 1821, of the storm of 1880 that destroyed the old building and marred the Bible

now in use, and gave many personal and general incidents that, no doubt, called forth pleasant reminiscences to many present. Friends who heard it consider this history such a valuable record that it has been decided to publish it in neat form with a picture of the church on the frontispiece.

Following this was greetings from Presbytery by the Moderator, Rev. Hugh H. Hudson, of Gordonsville, who in fitting words congratulated the congregation on belonging to one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in Virginia, to which the pastor, Rev. H. W. Shannon, on behalf of the congregation, responded. The Rev. J. C. Painter, of Crozet, Va., was then called upon to make the centennial prayer.

At this point the Rev. George L. Petrie, D. D., of Charlottesville, Va., read a most excellent paper on Presbyterianism. It was considered such a clear and valuable treatise on the doctrines and teachings of our church that Presbytery voted Dr. Petrie an expression of thanks and ordered that his paper be placed on its minutes that it might be kept permanently. After the reading of this paper a sermon from Exodus 14:15 was preached by Rev. J. Gray McAllister, D. D., of Hot Springs, Va. It was an unusually strong and helpful sermon containing rich thought beautifully expressed and preached with power. This anniversary was an occasion of joy and one that strengthened our people.

At the close of Presbytery on Thursday afternoon, by request Dr. McAllister remained over until Saturday night, conducting during the interval a series of services. This man of God delighted his hearers morning and night with some fine and helpful sermons, doing our people much good. He made a lasting impression and will be gladly welcomed back.

H. W. S.

MONUMENT TO MRS. MARY INGLES.

At Radford, on New River, in Montgomery county, Virginia, a monument is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Mary Ingles, one of the pioneer women of the Southwest of Virginia. She was the colonial heroine of New River valley. In 1755, one Sunday morning in July, a band of Indians came to the Draper's Meadows settlement, now in Montgomery county, killing a number and carrying away captive the young mother and two children. A captive on the Ohio for five months, she made her escape and with incredible sufferings from exposure, fatigue and hunger, made her way in forty-two days through the wilderness of mountain and river back to her home. Dying in 1815 in a ripe old age, she was the ancestress of a family widely known, holding her memory as a sacred heirloom.

The monument, which is 23 feet high, contains stones taken from the chimney of the cabin, still standing, in which Mrs. Ingles lived long after her return from captivity among the Indians.